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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP**

HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

MAREIKE KLEE ET AL

PHD 99,046

Serial No.: 09/541,765

Group Art Unit: 2831

Filed: APRIL 3, 2000

Examiner: E. THOMAS

Title: VOLTAGE-DEPENDENT THIN-FILM CAPACITOR

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.

RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified case under the provisions of 37 C. F.R. 1.116 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A ceramic passive component which comprises a carrier substrate (1), at least one first electrode (2) formed of a material

selected from the group consisting of metal and alloys and alloys and having a first surface disposed, on the substrate,

at least one dielectric (5) having a first surface disposed, on a second surface of the at least one first

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